

**REMARKS**

The Office Action of May 21, 2007 presents the examination of claims 1-9, 12-14, 18-20, 27, 28, 30 and 31. Claims 12 and 13 stand objected to as depending from a rejected claim, but allowable if rewritten into independent form.

The present Amendment incorporates claim 12 into claim 1 and also into claim 31, rendering these claims, and claims dependent therefrom, allowable. Claim 12 is accordingly canceled.

Claims 18-20 and 27 are presently canceled.

New claim 32 represents the subject matter of claim 31 combined with allowable claim 13. New claim 33 incorporates the features of prior claim 3 into claim 31 or 32.

**CONCLUSION**

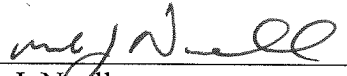
In view of the above amendment, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. Such favorable action is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Dr. Mark J. Nuell, Reg. No. 36,623 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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